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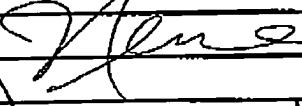
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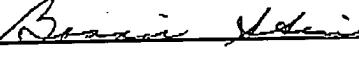
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Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated September 22, 2004, for which a response is due by December 22, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks and amendments. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections in light of the aforesaid remarks and amendments.